

Minutes
Civic Committee Meeting
May 6, 2010

Present

Committee Members: Sue Rothrock, Dale Brumbaugh, Rodney Jester, Tom Wheeler, Ed Rohrbach
Town Secretary: Elaine Hickey

Convener Ed Rohrbach called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM
Minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting were approved as read.
Acting Chair Sue Rothrock led the meeting.

Field Theater

Tom Wheeler reported that the Shakespeare Gild cleaned up dead debris, weeds and ivy around the theater last night before their monthly meeting. They have not begun their work on enhancing the lighting yet – installing a new transformer and adding a few more lights.

Roads

There is still work to be done that was scheduled for last year but not done due to bad weather. A pipe was installed on Meadow Lane to take water off the road and into Perkins Run, but that work is being remediated so that the pipe is not so visible. After that work is completed new posts and a fence will have to go up.

1911 Orleans Road

Sue got a third bid on addressing the issue of rain water flowing onto the 1911 Orleans Rd. leasehold. Peter Domanski & Sons proposes an asphalt berm for \$930. The other two bids are: Wayne Knots would install concrete curbing for \$4400 and Bruce Downing would install a berm for \$2575. The committee noted that berms will block the driveway. The Committee will send the information on these proposals to the leaseholder who can then decide whether or not to take the issue to the Town Assembly for approval to spend Town funds to remediate the problem of any rain water from the street running onto the property.

2122 The Highway

Rain water is now running onto 2122 The Highway after the leaseholder removed the existing berm so that she would not have to step over a berm at the right-of-way to get to her sidewalk. The Committee agrees that it is the leaseholder's responsibility since the problem did not exist until after the leaseholder removed the berm.

Mowing Contract

The mowing contract with Turf Management has been signed. It is a two-season contract. It is the same price as last year - \$750 for each cut.

Electronic Recycling

Over 100 items (weighing over one ton) were collected. Civic Committee does this for the three Ardens. Larry Walker is reimbursed for the hauling.

Roads Walk

Sue gave Town Maps to Tom, Rodney, and Ed. They will each take a section to walk, observe road problems, and document them for repair. Rodney will take care of his side of Harvey Rd. and Ed & Tom will split up their side of Harvey Rd. A list of problems will then be compiled and the work will be contracted out after getting two or three bids. The Road walk will be completed before June Civic Committee meeting. Sue has a list of existing pot holes and has already gotten bids: Downing = \$5087.50 and Domanski = \$3920.00. The Committee is very familiar with Downing's work so they agreed to go with Domanski in order to see the level of work that the company does. Ed Rohrbach will contact Domanski to begin work on the pot holes.

Sherwood Green

B. Phillips, at 2123 The Highway, has complained that the boxwoods that her father planted many years ago were torn out by contractors. Surveyors were at that location to survey the Sherwood Green. The Phillips' driveway is half on Town property and half on the 2123 The Highway leasehold. That survey has not been completed. They need to be contacted to come back and complete the survey, put markers in place, and map it. Since the B. Phillips driveway is part on Town land, the issue will be dealt with at the time of the next lease transfer. Until then, the leaseholder will be given a Revocable lease.

We need to purchase a new chain to go across the Sherwood Green overflow parking area and a sign that says "Parking by Permit Only." Rodney will take care of this project.

The BWVC asked if they could plant a perennial garden in front of the building. The Committee approved as long no shrubs or bushes are planted.

Tree & Shrub Clean-up

Areas needing attention are: the Sherwood Green & BWVC before ACRA starts; around the Oak on Meadow Lane; the Cherry tree on the Arden Green; the Field Theater; the Paths.

New Trees

Rodney Jester donated money to purchase and plant a tree on Sherwood Green. He will select a tree and have it planted. Sue and Connee McKinney are working on putting together a board in the that lists all the names of people who have donated trees to Arden. It will be hung in the BWVC.

Speed Bumps

Last year there was a request for a speed bump to be put on Lower Lane. That work has not been done yet. We need to get a bid for the road work and then make a decision. It usually costs \$1500-\$1800.

Trees

There is a hollow Poplar tree on Town land near the Bean leasehold at 2123 Meadow Lane. Ruth Bean has gotten an estimate of \$1000 from Brandywine Tree to take the tree down. The Committee approved this and will tell Ruth to go ahead and have the tree removed and submit the bill to Civic.

Elaine Schmerling would like to do the State Tree Grant again. She would like to do it in combination with Arden since Ardentown does not need as many trees this year. Rodney volunteered to work with her on that. It is a two part Grant – tree management for taking down & trimming, and tree planting.

At the end of the fire lane between 2114 & 2116 The Highway there is a large Poplar tree which Bill Theis would like to have taken down. It is on the list of trees to keep an eye on, but at this point it is still healthy.

Bond Bill Grant

The State is in session going over the Bond Bill Grant which is where our Community Transportation Fund money comes from. It is used for road work. If you think there is a big roads project that should be done, please write it up and get it to Steven Threefoot so that he can submit it to our State Rep Bryon Short. Sue will compile a list of problem areas that may be good for using Grant money and email it to the Committee.

Sue's last meeting

Sue announced that she has a notebook containing the Civic calendar, policies, sample permit forms and vouchers, and a list of ongoing areas of concern.

Sue suggested that the Civic Committee nominate Valerie Hutchinson at the next Town Meeting to replace Sue's spot on the Committee. Dale Brumbaugh announced that she too is resigning. Therefore the Committee will have to come up with two nominees, one to replace Sue, and one to replace Dale.

Election of Acting Chair

Tom Wheeler and Ed Rohrbach will be Acting Co-Chairs. When a full committee is in place a permanent Chair will be elected.

Next Meeting – Wed. June 9 at 7:30 PM in the BWVC. Tom will reserve the room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Hickey
Town Secretary